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Mr. President, as President pro tempore of the Senate, it was my pleasure to oversee the work of the Office of the Legislative Counsel during the last four years of Frank Burk's tenure. I appreciated the great dedication and professionalism he displayed in his role as Legislative Counsel.

The Legislative Counsel and his staff play a very important role in the legislative process. We all rely upon the Legislative Counsel and the attorneys in his Office to provide legislative drafts to effectively carry out our legislative policy. Mr. Burk has seen to it that we are all served well by a professional, career, and nonpartisan staff.

In addition to his service as Legislative Counsel, Frank Burk served for more than 25 years as the principal drafter in the Senate on virtually all matters relating to banking, housing, securities, mass transit, and small business. As Legislative Counsel, he prepared legislation on matters relating to the operations and rules of the Senate.

Mr. President, I am proud to sponsor this resolution and I am proud to have known and worked with Frank Burk. He has served his Nation well for over 30 years, including two years with the United States Army. I wish Frank and his wife Virginia the very best for the future, especially time spent with their four daughters, Elizabeth, Alison, Abigail, and Emily, their two sons-in-law, Lange Johnson and Hunt Shipman, and their granddaughter, Anna Shipman.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am proud to cosponsor with Senator THURMOND a resolution commending Mr. Frank Burk who retired as Legislative Counsel of the Senate on December 31, 1998. While serving as President pro tempore of the Senate, I had the pleasure of appointing Frank Burk to the position of Legislative Counsel of the Senate on January 1, 1991.

I wish to join with Senator THURMOND, and with all Senators, in expressing our deepest gratitude to Frank Burk for his long years of service to the United States Senate. He has been part of the Office of Legislative Counsel for more than 28 years, including the last 8 as Legislative Counsel; and during that time he has provided valuable assistance to me and to my staff.

Mr. President, while overseeing the Office of Legislative Counsel during the first 4 years of Frank Burk's tenure as Legislative Counsel, I appreciated the great dedication and professionalism he displayed in carrying out his duties and responsibilities. I know that his departure will leave a void that is difficult to fill. In passing this resolution, the Senate recognizes his years of commitment to the Senate.

Mr. President, I wish Frank Burk and his family well in his retirement.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Francis Burk for his nearly three decades of service to the United States Senate and to wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.

Frank Burk began his career with the Senate Office of Legislative Counsel in June 1970. For more than 25 years, Frank was the primary drafter in the Senate of legislation relating to banking, securities, housing, mass transportation, and small business. Senator BYRD, as President pro tempore of the Senate, appointed Frank as Legislative Counsel of the Senate on January 1, 1991. He continued to serve in that position until his retirement on December 31, 1998.

Mr. President, Frank Burk is one of the dedicated public servants who serve the Senate for years and who become sources of knowledge and expertise for all Senators and staff. They are our institutional memory: those who allow us to proceed from Congress to Congress with a sense of history and continuity. Our jobs would be even more difficult without people like Frank.

I know I speak for other Senators and for staff when I say we will miss Frank Burk.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join the Senator from South Carolina, Mr. THURMOND, in cosponsoring his resolution expressing the gratitude of the Senate for the service of the Senate Legislative Counsel, Frank Burk.

Many people outside the Senate do not know the office of the Legislative Counsel even exists. However, the legislative business of the Senate could not be accomplished without the able assistance of the office of the Legislative Counsel.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and George Washington University Law School, Mr. Burk served as an Army officer in Korea. Mr. Burk has worked in the Legislative Counsel's office for more than 28 years, beginning as a law assistant in 1970 and rising to hold the office's top position, Legislative Counsel in 1991.

As many know, attorneys in the legislative counsel's office have specific areas of expertise and responsibility. For more than 25 years, Mr. Burk's responsibilities included banking, securities, transportation, housing and small business. After becoming Legislative Counsel, he assumed the duty of drafting legislation relating to the operations and rules of the Senate.

I am very pleased to join my colleagues today in expressing our gratitude and in extending our best wishes to Frank Burk.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 41) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 41

Whereas Francis L. "Frank" Burk, Jr., the Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate, became an employee of the Senate on June 8, 1970, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate for more than 28 years;

Whereas Frank Burk, from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 1998, served as the Legislative Counsel of the Senate and demonstrated great dedication, professionalism, and integrity in faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of his position;

Whereas Frank Burk for more than 25 years was the primary drafter in the Senate of virtually all legislation relating to banking, securities, housing, mass transit, and small business, and as Legislative Counsel participated in the drafting of legislation relating to the operations and rules of the Senate;

Whereas Frank Burk retired on December 31, 1998, after more than 30 years of Government service, including 2 years with the United States Army; and

Whereas Frank Burk has met the legislative drafting needs of the United States Senate with unfailing professionalism, skill, dedication, and good humor during his entire career: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Francis L. Burk, Jr. for his more than 30 years of faithful and exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, including 8 years as the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, and expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude for his long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Francis L. Burk, Jr.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a star print of S. 6 be made with the changes that are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RETIREMENT OF DAVID G. MARCOS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, there are two resolutions at the desk relating to the retirement of two long-serving Senate employees. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the first resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A resolution (S. Res. 42) relating to the retirement of David G. Marcos.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as many of our colleges may be aware, Mr. David G. Marcos, who has served as the Senate's Executive Clerk for the last four